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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19 remain pending in the application including independent claim 1. Claim 18 is indicated as allowable. Claim 18 has been incorporated into claim 1, and thus original dependent claim 18 has now been cancelled.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 10 has been revised to clarify that the unit "l" refers to "liters." Thus, the rejection of claim 10 has now been overcome.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Volland (US 4618532). Claims 1-9, 11-17, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Higgins (US 6203881) in view of EP 384420. These rejections are moot in light of the amendment set forth above.

Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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